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## Correction to Conference Minister Article

Please note that the telephone number for Rev. Kim Wood is incorrect in the November 1st edition of the Conference Connection.

Kim's direct number is **404-615-2492**.

## News from the Conference Office

*The following article was inadvertently left out of the November 1st edition of the Conference Connection. Our apologies.*



## Retired Servants Retreat Explores Dreamwork

by C. L. Stumb, Southern Conference Minister of Communication

"Dreamwork is the laboratory of sacred mystery and the church's ministry of *Cura Animarium*: The care of souls."

"Develop an inner community that values the soul," said Rev. Randall Mishoe (D.Min.) to some forty persons from Southern and Southeast Conferences who assembled on the mountain at Blowing Rock Conference Center for a UCC Retired Servants Retreat. Start a dream group.

The voice they heard said to them: "The kingdom of God is *εντος*," Mishoe offered an exegesis of the Luke 17:21 text. The Koiné Greek word was often translated as "within you," though more recently as "among you," (Luke 17:21) and as the Gospel of Thomas says, "within and among you." He prompted the group to ponder whether we are talking about a Herod world — "among you" — saturated with empiricism and power, or a new kingdom — "within you" — ushered in by Christ?

The retreat narrative continued. Dreamwork establishes a framework for talking about the rich multiplicity and texture of the human soul, and extends one's boundaries from the conscious into the unconscious, and beyond the public into the hidden.

"Dreams are archetypal dramas in the souls of each and every one of us." So, "who wants or needs to work here?" asked Mishoe as he described the workings of a typical dream group that he challenged participants to

start.

*And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. (Revelation 21:1)*

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